

## YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW

The Holiday Season is truly a time of wonderful events. I proudly joined Fourth District North Bay Terrace resident Sheila Davis at a press conference on December 21<sup>st</sup> announcing her first-time homeownership. Ms. Davis will celebrate the new year as a homeowner, thanks to a Housing Commission program that helps working families buy homes in San Diego neighborhoods hardest hit by the foreclosure crisis.

After qualifying for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program, Ms. Davis was able to purchase a foreclosed townhouse and obtain a zero-interest loan to renovate the home. It is the first home purchase for Ms. Davis, who has been a renter for the past 25 years.

Under the federally funded Neighborhood Stabilization Program, qualifying first-time homebuyers can purchase and renovate distressed properties as part of the effort to prevent blight caused by home foreclosures. Homebuyers are eligible for mortgage assistance as well as forgivable loans for remodeling and repairs. The program is aimed at preserving neighborhoods with a high concentration of distressed properties.

I am proud to announce the availability of \$18 million in contracting opportunities for small businesses in San Diego. This is an effort to engage more small construction firms in city public works projects through the City's *Under \$1 Million* campaign.

We launched the city's new web site that will help small contractors take advantage of business opportunities on city public works projects. The website will keep small businesses aware of bid opportunities as well as resources the city offers. San Diego has opportunities for small contractors including plumbers, electricians, landscapers, concrete contractors and environmental monitoring firms.

For more information on the program including how to register, please visit my website at www.sandiego.gov/cd4 and click on the link to the Small Contracts site.

## Enjoy the Holiday Season at the

# 3rd Annual Holiday Travelers Entertainment Program

I am proud to present this program with the support from the Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation, City of San Diego's Commission for Arts and Culture, Coca-Cola, and Metropolitan Trolley System (MTS)

I commend and thank all those who are participating in this wonderful holiday event for the community. I hope this music will make this holiday season more enjoyable for the community.

This program provides holiday entertainment for community members along with visitors to our city who ride the trolley in District 4, along Euclid and Market Trolley Station, and 62nd Street Trolley Station.

Date	Time	Location	Performer
December 24	6:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Euclid Avenue	Lanee Battle: Jazz Vocalist
December 28	6:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	62 <sup>nd</sup> Street	Lanee Battle: Jazz Volcalist
December 28	4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Euclid Avenue	Prince Habib: Jazz Vocalist
December 30	4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	62 <sup>nd</sup> Street	Prince Habib: Jazz Vocalist



The Environmental Services Department's (ESD) Christmas Tree Recycling Program will begin be held December 26, 2009 until January 23, 2010. Now in its 36<sup>th</sup> year, the program has been selected by the Solid Waste Association of North America and the National Christmas Tree Association as one of the best tree recycling programs in the nation. EDS will provide informational fliers and posters to various locations throughout the City including libraries and park and recreation centers. You can visit www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services to get information for call Pauline Priest at (858) 492-5016.

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Choir San Diego is offering Visual and Performing Arts Education Grants. The goal of the grants is to help high school seniors who are artistically talented students, especially those of limited financial means, with the cost of higher education. For application requirements and deadline, visit: www.mlkccsd.org.

Support your local library! The City of San Diego's Library Foundation offers many ways to get involved with your local library from volunteering to the Friends of the Library program. For more information, visit <a href="www.SupportMyLibrary.org">www.SupportMyLibrary.org</a>.

<u>Trinity Christian Martial Art's Ministry</u> sessions are held every Monday and Thursday from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church (7210 Lisbon St.) For more information call (619) 262-1633.

Need childcare for the winter break for your children? The Jackie Robinson Family YMCA Day Camp offers your children the ultimate break from school where they can make friends and have a blast with their well trained staff. Campers will enjoy several activities ranging from games, crafts, sports, and swimming (depending on the day of the week). Financial assistance is available; CDA, CRS and CALWORKS accepted. For more information call (619) 264-0144.

<u>Navy ROTC Scholarships are now available.</u> Get your tuition, books and lab fees paid at over 150 top college and universities along with being commissioned as a Naval Officer upon graduation. Schools in California include USD, UCLA and USC.



Applications can be found online at www.nrotc.navy.mil. For more information contact the NROTC Scholarship Office at (858) 537-8044.

#### Community Clean-ups are continuing to be held throughout the 4th District.

I commend, thank, and congratulate the many community volunteers, city staff, non-profit organizations and EDCO Waste & Recycling Services that assist in these efforts. Keeping our communities clean and free of debris is an ongoing effort we all must continue to be involved in. Special community cleanup event areas are selected based upon citizen requests, pledges of community involvement and previous citizen participation levels. Please feel free to call Solid Waste Code Enforcement Officer Alejandro Alvarado at (858) 627-3317 if you would like to request a clean-up in your area and/or if you have questions.

## **BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:**

An opportunity for you to volunteer your services exists with the many City of San Diego Boards and Commissions. Please visit the City's web site at www.sandiego.gov and view the many boards and commissions available for you to possibly serve on. You will find that several members' terms are expiring, who is responsible for nominating and appointing members, and what the terms and requirements for service are. Please call Benelia Santos-Hunter at 236-6644 if you are interested in serving as a 4<sup>th</sup> District representative on a particular Board and/or Commission. Councilman Young is seeking qualified individuals to nominate for service on the following Boards and/or Commissions.

## SAVE THIS DATE:

Project Ujima and the Harold J. Ballard Parent Center presents: An African American Perspective on: Positive Strategies to Help Children with ADJD at home and at school on Thursday, January 14, 2009 from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at the Tubman Chavez Center (415 Euclid Ave.) For more information call (619) 293-4431.

The United African American Ministerial Action Council (UAAMAC) will host the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Breakfast: *Building The Beloved Community* on Monday, January 18, 2010 at 7:00 a.m. at the Joe & Vi Jacobs Center (404 Euclid Ave.) For more information e-mail jkidd@uaamac.com or call (619) 264-1213.



San Diego State University's Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Luncheon on Friday, January 22, 2010 from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at Montezuma Hall. Tickets are \$25 per person and tables are \$250. To reserve a table contact LaShae Collins at (619) 594-5341 on or before January 8, 2010. Sponsorship opportunities available.

<u>Sixth Annual Multi-Cultural Celebration of Life Awards Dinner hosted by The Palavra Tree will be held on Saturday, February 6, 2010</u> beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Joe and Vi Jacobs Center (404 Euclid Ave.) For more information call (619) 263-7768.

YMCA of San Diego County will host its 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Human Dignity Awards Breakfast on Friday, January 15, 2010 at the Town and Country Resort in Mission Valley. Registration begins at 6:30 a.m. Special guest speaker is the Rev. Samuel "Billy" Kyles from Monumental Baptist Church in Memphis, Tennessee. Enter the Youth Poetry Contest for this very special occasion. For more information on the Contest and event, please visit: www.jackierobinson.ymca.org/english/index special evnts mlk08.html.

The United African American Ministerial Action Council (UAAMAC) will host the Summit II: Building the Beloved Community, Let's Do It! from February 19-20, 2010. For additional information e-mail jkidd@uaamac.com or call (619) 264-1213.

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